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(ii) the number of applications made by caste Hindus, non-caste Hindus, Mahomedans and Christians respectively, during these three years;

(iii) the number of applications granted by the Government to the applicants of the respective communities; and

(iv) the reasons for refusal?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state what their object is in having introduced the recent rule that all applications for the erection of new places of public worship should be referred to the Devaswom Commissioner?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government do not consider it expedient to interfere with the existing provisions of the Proclamation.

(*c*) A statement* giving the information required by the member is laid on the table.

(*d*) The Devaswom Commissioner is the adviser to Government in matters relating to Devaswom Administration and as such his opinion in regard to applications for permission to open places of public worship with reference to existing Devaswoms has to be considered.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY: With regard to answer to part (*b*), will the Government be pleased to give any reason for considering it not expedient?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It is not in the nature of a supplementary question.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY: In the answer it is stated that "Government do not consider it expedient." I want to know whether the Government can give me any reason.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The answer given there distinctly shows the reason. The reason is expediency.

MR. J JOHN NIDIRY: On what is it based?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: I claim notice.

Applications for the Erection of Christian Churches.

195. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many applications were made to the Government within the last ten years for putting up Christian churches?

(*b*) how many of these applications were granted, and how many refused and on what grounds?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) & (*b*) A statement† furnishing the information, as far as available, is laid on the table.

Vide Appendix III—page 674.

† *Vide* Appendix IV—page 675.

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Appendix IV.

Statement of applications made for the erection of Christian Churches from 1088 to 1097.

[*Vide* **Answer to Question NO. 195.**]

TRIVANDRUM DIVISION.

Year.	No. Received.	No. Granted.	No. Rejected.	Reasons for refusal.
1088 to 1097	39	24	15	(1) Want of full proprietary right over the site. (2) Objectionable proximity to places of public worship belonging to other religionists

QUILON DIVISION.

1091 to 1097	171	114	57	(1) Want of full proprietary right over the site. (2) Objectionable proximity to other places of public worship.

N. B.—No particulars are available regarding the applications made in the years 1088 to 1090.

KOTTAYAM DIVISION.

1091 to 1097	125	68	57	(1) Rejected on technical grounds. (2) Applications withdrawn by the applicants. (3) Want of full proprietary right over the site. (4) Wrong description of the site. (5) Applications not having been on behalf of a congregation. (6) Objectionable proximity to a school. (7) Want of sanction of religious head. (8) Objectionable proximity to places of public worship of other religionists.

N. B.—No information is available regarding the applications made in the years 1088 to 1090.

DEVICOLAM DIVISION.

1088 to 1097	16	10	6	Want of proprietary right over the site.

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